

**MINUTES**

**OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

**WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

**December 17, 1999**

**AGENDA ITEM 1 - Call to Order**

Required statutory notice having been given, a special meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held in the Regents Conference Room of the Wetherby Administration Building on the campus for the following purposes:

- approving the purchase of Chestnut Street property;
- approving the naming of the Hattie L. Preston Intramural Sports Complex;
- appointment of a committee to coordinate and facilitate the President's 2000 performance evaluation by the Board;
- discussion related to the issuing of an RFP for feasibility study for possible renovation of Diddle Arena.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Martin at approximately 5:30 p.m. CST.

**AGENDA ITEM 2 - Roll Call**

Ms. Kristen T. Bale  
Mr. Amanda J. Coates  
Ms. N. Joy Gramling  
Ms. Lois W. Gray  
Ms. Peggy W. Loafman  
Mr. Cornelius A. Martin

**AGENDA ITEM 3 - Recommendation for approval to purchase property on**

**Chestnut Street**

**REQUEST:** Approval to purchase 4.5 acres on Chestnut Street in two tracts at \$375,000 each.

**FACTS:** Instructions to staff in Student Affairs are to:

- a) put together, by April 1, a fraternity/sorority housing concept and provide documentation for full replenishment of the Reserve Fund; or
- b) if a Greek Housing Concept is not feasible by April 1, then Student Affairs has until our Board meeting on May 19 to define a WKU housing configuration to include potential purchase of the property by the Student Life Foundation.

If this concept is not feasible, then Board approval will be sought on May 19 to put the property back on the market and replenish the Reserve Fund through the resulting sale.

**RECOMMENDATION:** President Gary A. Ransdell recommends approval of the purchase of 4.5 acres on Chestnut Street.

**MOTION:** To approve the purchase of 4.5 acres on Chestnut Street in two tracts at \$375,000 each with funds from the Reserve Fund was made by Ms. Bale, seconded by Ms. Loafman, and carried with Ms. Gramling voting nay.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 - Recommendation to approve the naming of the intramural complex on Campbell Lane the “Hattie L. Preston Intramural Sports Complex”**

**REQUEST:** Formal approval to name the Intramural Sports Complex

**FACTS:** The Board of Regents was informed via a memorandum in early November of the \$1 million commitment by Raymond B. and Hattie L. Preston to provide lighting, irrigation, score boards and more amenities to the Intramural Complex on Campbell Lane.

**RECOMMENDATION:** To name the complex the *Hattie L. Preston Intramural Sports Complex* in recognition of the commitment of the Prestons to support the students of Western Kentucky University.

**MOTION:** To formally approve the naming of the sports complex on Campbell Lane the *Hattie L. Preston Intramural Sports Complex* was made by Ms. Loafman, seconded by Ms. Gramling, and carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 5 - Appointment of a committee to coordinate and facilitate the President’s performance evaluation by the Board**

Chairman Martin appointed Ms. Loafman, Ms. Bale, and Mr. Sheffer to a committee that will coordinate and facilitate the President’s performance evaluation. Ms. Loafman was appointed Chair of the Committee. Motion for approval of Mr. Martin’s recommendation was made by Ms. Gray, seconded by Mr. Tennill, and carried. The Committee will need to complete their work and present their recommendation at the May meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 6 - Discussion related to the issuing of an RFP for feasibility study for possible renovation of Diddle Arena**

President Ransdell advised the Board of plans to issue an RFP to a list of approximately 25 firms from across the nation to do a feasibility study to determine the economic capacity of South central Kentucky for things that would pay the debt service

on an arena whether it be corporate suite sales or other revenue kinds of things; tell us structurally what the options are, and determine whether on-campus or off-campus considerations are best for Western. An off-campus location would require at least fifty acres.

The selected firm will come back with a recommendation for the best course of action. The study is expected to take sixty to ninety days and should be available by the May Board meeting. The University would incur the costs of the feasibility study if nothing is done with the findings; but if action is taken on the recommendation, bonds would be issued, and the costs of the study would be factored into the issuing of bonds. Costs for the study will be between \$50,000 and \$75,000; a draw on university resources is not anticipated to do the study.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7 - Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was made by Ms. Loafman and seconded by Ms. Bale. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY**

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of votes and actions taken by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in a special meeting held on December 17, 1999, in the Regents Conference Room of the Wetherby Administration Building on the Western campus, and further certify that the meeting was held in compliance with KRS 61.810, 61.815, 61.820, and 61.825 (enacted as Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of House Bill 100, 1974 Regular Session, General Assembly).

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Elizabeth W. Esters  
Secretary

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Cornelius A. Martin  
Chair  
January 28, 2000

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